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FROM THE RECTOR

“Critical Race Theory” echoes Nazi ideology

As a general rule, there is no place for politics in the pulpit. If there is one thing that history demonstrates it is that almost every time the Church has become enmeshed in politics the Church has ended up the loser.

In short, it is not in an Anglican parson's remit to weigh the political leanings of the members of his flock. Rather his job is to try to turn them into the best possible Christians they can be whatever their political leanings.

Occasionally, however, one encounters political ideas so intrinsically evil that the “no politics in the pulpit” rule does not apply. Lutheran pastors Martin Niemoeller and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, for example, bravely denounced the evils of Nazism during the 1930s and the Second World War.

Sadly, the case has now arisen in America: The Second World War ended just 75 years ago, yet such is the depravity of human nature that a racial theory closely akin to the one that sent six million European Jews to the gas chambers is being widely promoted in our most influential national institutions.

It is called “Critical Race Theory.” It postulates that all white people are intrinsically racist – and, thus, irredeemably evil. It follows from this that as the United States was founded by white men, it also is irredeemably evil and must therefore be destroyed and its history eradicated.

Ordinary folks of all races might be forgiven for thinking this is completely kooky. But professional “facilitators” are notching up enormous fees from indoctrination sessions at law schools, universities, major corporations and government institutions, including, worryingly, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Armed Forces.

White males participating in these conclaves are coerced into Maoist-style self-criticism sessions and required to write groveling letters of apology to people of color, women and all manner of sexual “minorities.”

The purpose behind this coerced humiliation – though admittedly not as physically brutal – is similar to that of the Nazi thugs who humiliated elderly Jews by forcing them on to their knees to clean the streets outside their stores and businesses.

Protesting that one isn't racist isn't an option. Shades of George Orwell, such claims are deliberately misinterpreted as concrete evidence of racism.

“Critical Race Theory” is also being taught in our schools – elementary, middle and high. Indeed, this is why some teachers voiced deep concerns about Covid19 on line learning requirements: They fear it offers parents an opportunity to discover the reprehensible things their kids are being told.

It is tempting to write off “Critical Race Theory” as a passing fad – similar to the sort of nonsense promoted in some communes and ashrams in the 1970s. But, in fact, the damage it is doing to society is profound.

“Critical Race Theory” is the ideology underlying the violence, looting and rioting in place like New York, Chicago, Seattle and Portland, Oregon. This helps explain why so many of those rioting in the name of

“Black Lives Matter” are not people of color, but rather young white college educated men and women..

The Jewish political thinker Hannah Arendt, who fled persecution in Germany in the 1930s, famously coined the term “the banality of evil” to describe both the Nazi racial ideology and the people who implemented it.

Nazi pseudo-scientific racial theories, banal though they were, identified a large proportion of the earth's population – including millions of Jews, Gypsies and Slavs – as sub-human and a threat to the rest of mankind. Inspired by envy, greed and political opportunism, the Nazis were impelled by a desire to demonize a suitable scapegoat for Germany's defeat in the First World War.

After the Second World War, the victorious allies put the top Nazi leaders on trial in at Nuremberg in southern Germany. Among them was the theoretician Alfred Rosenberg, considered the primary author, of the Nazi

Parish Prayer List

Our Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List and guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice. To add a name to the prayer list, or visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office (410) 560 6776.

FOR RECOVERY: Mavis, Pam, Eileen, Rebecca, Catherine, Bill, Richard, Janis, Daniel, Leona, Rachel, Elizabeth, Kim, Dorothy, Donna, Skip, Dan, Sarah, Betsy, Edie, Heidi, Alan, Terry, Helen, Linda, John, Neal, Stephen, Nathan, Hobie, Betty, Helen, Jan, Bobby, Lee, Cary, Marie, Jim, Joanna, Kendall, Ian, Gloria, June, John Tom, Michell, Jack, Lewey, Stephen, Pamela, David, Wade, Sifa, Eileen, Ravi, Theresa, Larry Ricard, Judy & Scott

FOR LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Sam, Cameron, Jim, Diana, Caroline, Karen, Ardis, Mavis, Michael, Ian, Melba, Vinnie, Doug, Chip, Elizabeth, Lisa, Carey, Jacob, Casey, Beth, Kath, Rebecca, Colin & Christian.

IN MEMORIAM:

THOSE WHO MOURN:

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: Lt. Col. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN; Lt Col. Harry Hughes; USAF; Cpt Fiodor Strikovski, US Army.

Party's racial ideologies.

For promulgating the ideologies that led to the slaughter of so many millions, Rosenberg was sentenced to death. He was hanged in Nuremberg prison on the morning of October 16th, 1946.

Rooted in pseudo-history, “Critical Race Theory” closely echoes Rosenberg's racial theories. And it seems reasonable to conclude that it is similarly inspired by political opportunism, coupled with envy and the desire for a scapegoat to excuse personal failings.

President Donald Trump recently issued an executive order banning the promulgation of “Critical Race Theory” in federal institutions. His order, however, will not affect academe, state and local governments or the commercial sector.

It is deeply distressing to see banal, but evil ideas so reminiscent of Rosenberg's being widely promoted in business, academic and government circles.

And it is no less disturbing to learn they have gained a substantial following among Americans who should be entirely familiar with the horrifying history of the Holocaust. GPH

FROM THE PARISH CLERGY

New County rules on Covid19

Dr. Gregory Wm. Branch, Health Officer for Baltimore County, has promulgated the following order: “Beginning Thursday, July 23 at 9 a.m., Baltimore County individuals ages 2 and up are required to wear face coverings in any indoor business, service, organization or establishment that serves the general public. This includes, but is not limited to, retail establishments, recreational establishments, houses of worship and other locations open to the public.

Residents are strongly encouraged to wear masks in outdoor public areas where social distancing of at least six-feet is not possible. Exemptions to the decree are:

- Individuals who cannot wear a face covering (as defined in Governor's Executive Order No. 20-04-15-01) due to a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability;
- Individuals who are communicating or seeking to communicate with someone where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;
- Individuals at food service establishments while eating or drinking, which shall all be subject to the same existing regulations and exceptions previously in place under the Governor’s Executive Orders and the Health Officer Orders

of the Maryland Department of Health In addition, all non-seated parties, must wear a face covering when moving in or about a restaurant or bar premises.

- Individuals are not required to show documentation that an exception applies.”

The full text of th Health Department Directive and Order and the Interpretive Guidance can be found at the County web site.

Our Sunday service schedule

Holy Eucharist at will be said at 8.00 AM and 9.15 AM. Morning Prayer will be said 11.00 AM with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the ,month. Sunday School takes place at 9.15 AM

For shut-ins and folks st in quarantine we will be continuing our videos of Feast Day and Sunday Eucharists. These are posted on the **parish website (www.ststeve.com)**, **Youtube** and **Isaac the Eagle’s Facebook** page.

You’ll find them from 9.00 AM onwards every Sunday and Day of Obligation at **ststeve.com** at the bottom of the Home Page, under “Recent Blog Posts. A new midweek “broadcast” talk by the rector can also be found on the website every Wednesday or Thursday.

Meanwhile, we have opened a Post Office Box for the exclusive use of the treasurer. Please mail your offerings to: **St Stephen’s Anglican Church, P.O. Box 6161, Timonium, MD 21094**. All other mail should be sent to our street address. GPH✘ & JPN✘

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8am: Said Eucharist

9.15am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)

11 am: Sung Mattins (1st Sunday: Sung Eucharist)

Choral Services (as announced) – evensong.ststeve.com

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6pm: Evening Prayer

Friday, 12 noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday, 5pm: Family Eucharist

For Our Country.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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